Posted 11/12/08

We cannot access the DRGR slides on the NSP1 website. Please advise.

DRGR slides are available on the website (with and without notes) at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/drsi/drgrs.cfm

States can contact Mark Mitchell if they still cannot access the training: Mark.Mitchell@hud.gov

Posted 11/20/08

When entering information into DRGR, where do I put the NSP1 grant amount that has been allocated to an activity?

When adding activities into DRGR use the field called "Total Budget, Disaster Recovery Grant," to put the NSP1 grant amount that has been allocated to an activity field and **do not** use the "Other Funds" field for NSP1 grant information. The distinction is crucial because NSP1 funds cannot be drawn down unless they are properly identified in DRGR.

Posted 02/06/09

In the DRGR system, where do I enter land banking activities?

We recently added activity types called Land Banking-Acquisition (NSP1 Only) and Land Banking-Disposition (NSP1 Only). Please choose the applicable activity type when adding or editing activities.

Posted 02/06/09

How do I enter activities in DRGR that do not match our action plan?

We recommend that grantees break out local programs whenever there is a different national objective, activity type or responsible organization administering the activity. NSP1 grantees should select the DRGR activity type that is most applicable to the NSP1 activity category being implemented.

Posted 02/06/09

How do NSP1 grantees track the 25% low-income set-aside as a separate activity in DRGR?

In DRGR, grantees should select NSP1 Only-LMMH-25% Set-Aside under an activity's national objective to track activities that meet the 25% low-income set-aside requirement as a separate activity. All other activities should be tracked with NSP1 Only-LMMI or NA-Admin for their national objective. Please note, the LMI, SB and UN national objectives are not applicable to NSP1 and should not be used for this program.

Posted 02/24/09

With the current economic climate we would like to know what the turnaround time is for requesting drawdown reimbursements. Also, I cannot find specific instructions for requesting a drawdown?

Drawdowns can be done in the DRGR system after a) the grant paperwork has been processed by your local CPD office and the HUD CFO office in Ft. Worth, b) grantee staff have submitted the info from their Action Plan into the DRGR system, and c) there are at least one authorized DRGR from your office to CREATE a voucher and another to APPROVE a voucher.

If everything is set up OK, vouchers submitted and approved in DRGR are usually processed by the next business day. Information about DRGR, submitting user account requests and a draft user manual will be posted soon at http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/drsi/drgrs.cfm

Could you provide me with a list of the standard activity names in DRGR? We're trying to come up with matches for the NSP1 activities and not having the activity names viewable here in the field is a problem.

Attached is a list of activity types we have in DRGR along with the performance measures I have associated with them. We don't really have "standard" activity types like IDIS has issued in their CPD notice. I can edit or change them as needed. I also can create or edit performance measures and then associate them with activity types. The only ones with Low-Mod breakouts are beneficiary data like persons assisted, households assisted, jobs created, etc. In the case of NSP1, they should still report 0-50% AMI under low, 50-%80 AMI under mod and then the 80-120% AMI beneficiaries should end up being included in the total #s so we can back them out using a calculation.

If we think there are new good standard measures, then I can add them. But lots of grantees will add all sorts of measures on their own. In cases where they would not be typical measures most grantees would have for an activity type, I suggest the grantees report on those in the activity progress narrative. Some grantees think they have to put something in EVERY measure, but they should only put in the ones that really apply to the specific activity. An example in the disaster grants is tourism. Some are ad campaigns and others are events- the measures are very different for those.